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EDMONTON BULLETIN, JANUARY 5, 1900

IMPERIAL LOYALTY.

As an exhibition of thorough and enthusiastic loyalty the going of the North Alberta contingent has not been excelled within the wide limits of the British empire. There was nothing lacking. The call was sudden and almost unexpected. It was made so quietly and quickly that no doubt many people in the district do not know yet of the contingent having gone. It was made at a time of reverses and because of those reverses. It was because the men were urgently needed to do work that only such as they could do. No special inducements as to pay were offered and no provision for disablement is guaranteed. It would have been small wonder if men had hesitated about going, or had haggled about the terms. But they did not hesitate, they did not haggle. They came from immense distances, they dropped lucrative occupations, they severed business and family ties at a moment's notice, they besieged the authorities for the privilege of going to South Africa as soldiers of the Queen. Twice as many were taken as were asked for and still more refused. And this was not all. At any time in almost any country there is a float and drift of humanity to whom the prospect of excitement in soldiering is attractive and whose action might not be representative of the serious mind of the community. It was not so in this case. While a number of the men going—and some of the best men—may be classed in this way, the proportion of young men the whole of whose ties of family and business and prospects are here, to say nothing of married men, of whom there are a number, make the contingent thoroughly representative of the people of the district. If there had been any doubts on this point the frenzy of excitement prevailing when the men were starting would set the matter at rest. The willingness of strangers to go so far to fight under the flag was inspiring, but that alone would not have inspired the enthusiasm that existed. It was the fact that the flesh and blood of the country itself was going. Personal sacrifice is the true and final test of enthusiasm in any cause. It was the presence of that element in such large proportions that made the going of the contingent so significant.

It is not too much to say that no better class of men to work as mounted scouts will be assembled in South Africa during the present war than those who left Edmonton on Tuesday morning and the others who followed them. They are the very men who are needed more than any other men in South Africa. Men who can ride and handle a horse and find their way about on the plains. Men with equal qualifications no doubt can be procured in Australia, and in South Africa itself, but they cannot be procured within the United Kingdom—however good men they have there, or however many there are of them. It is a satisfaction that in sending a western contingent the sacrifice is for a good and necessary purpose; that western Canada is taking an important part in the grand effort for the supremacy of the Empire in South Africa, and the furtherance of its greatness throughout the world.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The comparative statement of customs receipts of the Dominion for the six months ending Dec. 30th, compared with the same period last year, is as follows:

	1898-9.	1899-0.
July,	\$2,436,491	\$1,953,083
August,	2,119,198	2,331,870
September,	2,086,651	2,611,650
October,	1,993	2,460,010
November,	1,933,993	2,394,163
December,	1,990,216	2,394,195

Totals, \$12,559,820 \$14,445,371
This shows an increase of \$1,885,551 for the six months. The present month alone gives an increase of over \$400,000.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

The Free Press publishes a statement of the votes cast in the recent Manitoba provincial elections. The total registered vote of the province is 63,849. Total polled 47,014. For Greenway candidates 23,278, for Macdonald candidates 23,135, for independent candidates 601. By this return it would seem that the Greenway government polled a majority of 147 votes over the straight opposition. It appears, however, that the majority figured by the Free Press is arrived at by placing the vote for W. Hespeler, 258, in the independent column. But adding this to the opposition figures it only gives the successful party a majority of 115 over their opponents. With only this popular majority they have secured a majority of 44 in the house of 40. The story told by the figures has two leading features well worthy of attention and study. One is that the alleged gerrymander made by Mr. Greenway was either not intended as a gerrymander or it failed of its purpose. The other is that the independent vote though small was ample, had it been suitably distributed and cast for the government candidates, to have reversed the result of the election. These facts do not detract from the importance of Mr. Greenway's defeat, but they show very clearly that not gerrymanders but popular principles are the chief requisite of success.

WEDDING.

A grand wedding celebration took place on Monday evening last, Jan. 1st, at the residence of Valentine Gauf, of Josephburg settlement near Fort Saskatchewan. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Barbara Gauf to Mr. Adam Berg, both of Josephburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Forbes, of Fort Saskatchewan, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives, friends and invited guests. After the ceremony supper was served, dancing followed, and the festivities did not cease until after breakfast and dinner had been served on Tuesday. The guests numbered not less than 125.

C. P. R. TRAINS.

A number of changes have been made in the running of C. P. R. trains commencing on Jan. 1st. The Winnipeg Tribune says:

There will be no change in the daily trains to and from the west. The service east, however, will be reduced to six trains per week—there being no train from Winnipeg on Friday and no train arriving from Montreal and Toronto on Tuesday. This arises from the fact that no mail transfer is taken into Ontario and Quebec on Sunday, and no mail leaves these two provinces for the west on Sunday.

YUKON QUARTZ.

A copy of the Yukon Sun contains news of a great discovery in the neighborhood of the Klondike capital. The Sun is authority for the statement that the ledge is 1,000 feet in depth, one mile in width, of unknown though great length, and assaying as high as \$600 to the ton. Over 20 claims were recorded in that locality up to Nov. 7th. The exact location of this ore body is given as the left bank of the Yukon, seven miles above Dawson. It is neither a deposit of gravel nor a quartz ledge. As defined by a Dawson metallurgist it is an oxidized mass of quartzitic porphyrite rock, containing more or less gold throughout the porous oxidized material, as well as in the bccia or hard quartzite. Mr. Elyse left Dawson for London on Oct. 31st in the interest of 25 of the claim owners. The Sun says editorially: "We have investigated this find and find that the facts are as stated; if no error has been made in the assays, it is one of the greatest finds ever made in quartz."

A new strike of rich placer is reported to have been made on a creek which enters Indian river about nine miles from its mouth. It was said to have yielded \$100 in coarse gold to the pan.

ATLIN.

Medicine Hat News: Chas. Calkins returned on Friday from Atlin, B. C., to spend a couple of months with his family. He has some properties in the Atlin district and will return to that mining district early in the spring. The Atlin district turned out about a million dollars in gold this summer. The output would have been much more, had there not been delay in straightening out some difficulties between the Dominion and B. C. governments as to the ownership of the land. This delayed the starting of work until August. The district has placer, quartz and hydraulic propositions.

INDIAN PROGRESS.

Bathford Herald.

Mr. Dumnais, Indian agent, gives the following figures as showing the number of bushels of grain on the several reserves in this agency:

	Wheat.	Oats.
Sweet Grass,	600	200
Red pheasant,	800	1,200
Stonies,	900	
Poundmaker and Little Pine,	950	900
Moosemin,	900	600
Thunderchild,	500	
a total of 4,056 bushels of wheat and 2,900 bushels of oats.		

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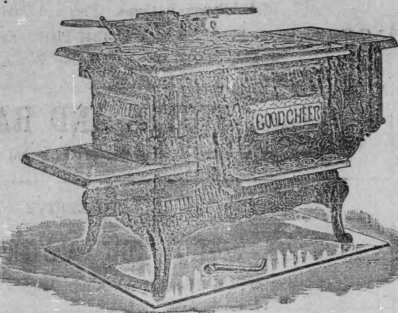
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The value of a newspaper as a means of advertising depends upon its circulation coupled with its standing with the community. A newspaper without standing, which does not itself attract attention and inspire confidence, is little or no better than a poster or circular which is thrown aside as soon as its nature is discovered. While a newspaper which does arouse the interest and inspire the confidence of the public is read and re-read, and passed from hand to hand for weeks after it reaches the subscriber.

The BULLETIN is read more widely throughout the Edmonton district than any other newspaper. An advertisement in the columns of the BULLETIN is the best value that can be got for the money in reaching the people of the district.

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Advertising space \$1.00 an inch per month Change as often as you please.

VOL. XXII.

IMMIGRATION.

C. W. Sutter, immigration agent for North Alberta, has reported on the immigration of the past year. He says: The increase in the number of agricultural delegates visiting the country, which I had the pleasure of reporting last year, still goes on. The totals for the last three years are as follows:

1897-51.
1898-170.
1899-496.

One and all of these gentlemen appeared delighted with the country and if they are as good as their word, the various States from which they come will henceforth be well informed as to the capabilities and attractions of Northern Alberta. The delegates come from the following countries and States of the union:

England,	3
Ireland,	3
Germany,	3
California,	3
Colorado,	120
Dakota,	8
Illinois,	4
Indiana,	4
Iowa,	33
Kansas,	63
Minnesota,	114
Michigan,	48
Missouri,	8
Nebraska,	48
Ohio,	2
Oklahoma,	2
Texas,	27
Wisconsin,	8
Ontario,	496

Very many of these delegates purchased railway lands before returning home and intend to return in the spring and settle. The volume of immigration this year especially from the United States, a large proportion of the settlers from that country being ex-Canadians, has increased to a very gratifying extent. The prediction which I made in my last report having been fully ratified. As far as one can judge a still greater influx in the year now beginning is unquestionable. Ruthenian or so-called Galician immigrants are less in number than in 1898. With regard to foreign immigration in general as well as to some extent that from the United States and the older provinces of Canada, it was even more difficult this year to obtain the exact statement of arrivals. The number attracted to the country by the letters of friends here, and who do not come into contact with the department being still on the increase.

With regard to the progress of the Ruthenian (or Galician) settlers already in the country the most sanguine expectations have been fully realized. They have purchased this year over \$40,000 worth of agricultural implements, among which is one steam thrasher and a large number of drills. The grain crop in the Eds settlement alone is estimated at 150,000 bushels. They are acquiring considerable herds of cattle. The prejudice hitherto entertained against them by their English speaking neighbors is rapidly disappearing, and the merchants in our community at least, consider them cash customers. Several school districts have been formed among them, and the young people of both sexes are rapidly acquiring a fair knowledge of English and are in great demand as servants, both on farms and in towns, all good wages. Of those arriving this spring over 300 secured work for the season on the C. P. R. railway, which will materially help them through this winter.

The crops generally throughout the district, notwithstanding the long continued wet weather, lasting till the end of August, turned out much better than expected, and may be said to have been a little better than the average, and at the opening of the season, prices for the grain were very high, a most encouraging thing for new settlers with their first crop. Prices for cattle and hogs have been higher than in any previous year, and on the whole the country is in a most prosperous condition. Great growth being visible in the towns as well as in the country.

Five new flour mills have been constructed, or are now in course of construction, and still the local demand for flour has to some extent to be met by importation.

Last spring the citizens of Edmonton generously rented free of expense to the government, a large and commodious building in the town of Edmonton, and during the season more than 300 of the better class of the English speaking settlers were there accommodated. I would strongly recommend the department to continue the occupation of this building which costs but \$50 a month, until the building for which an appropriation of \$3,000 has already been made is erected.

Families from the States are even now arriving and may be expected in small numbers throughout the winter, and the building at Strathcona (South Edmonton) is actively under way for their accommodation.

Eight hundred letters and pamphlets have been sent out in response to individual enquiries to all parts of the United States and Europe, some even to the West Indies. I can confidently predict for the coming year largely increased immigration from the United States and from the German provinces of Austria and Russia.

The accompanying schedule of immigrants is, for the reason stated in my last report which still exists in greater force, much under the mark, but I know of no means by which

more accurate information can be obtained.

England,	92
Scotland,	59
Ireland,	29
Germany,	24
Russia,	82
Austria, (exclusive of Ruthenian)	99
Austria, (Ruthenian)	963
Switzerland,	11
France,	19
Belgium,	17
Sweden,	7
Australia,	19
British Columbia,	27
Manitoba,	256
Novia Scotia,	28
Ontario,	256
Prince Edward Island,	78
Quebec,	28
California,	192
Colorado,	104
Dakota,	17
Illinois,	4
Indiana,	87
Iowa,	77
Kansas,	179
Massachusetts,	186
Michigan,	28
Minnesota,	53
Missouri,	86
Montana,	39
Nebraska,	49
New Hampshire,	27
New York,	39
Ohio,	29
Oregon,	25
Pennsylvania,	45
Washington,	2
Wisconsin,	2
Total,	3,200

THE SUN'S OPINION.

The Alberta Sun has the following to say regarding British generals and generalship in South Africa:

"People have sympathy with poor Gatacre, and are genuinely sorry for General Buller's unlocked for fiasco, but what of poor Tommy? The generals may have lost their expected peerages, but Tommy has lost his life. A grave fault if a little rag like this may point it out, is that between campaigns British officers throw off the military trappings entirely and discard from their minds all thoughts of war. At state or diplomatic balls they may have to don their uniforms, but at other times they are in mufti and seldom near their barracks. The club and the drawing room is where they shine or rather pose. Unlike German, French, or Russian officers they do not study tactics or anything of the belligerent order between waltzes and late dinners."

"And few British officers, especially those who have served in India can issue from tents on the field without a bawls and a cup of Epps Cocoa." Those Bawls are a damned nuisance, firing those beastly guns at this hour of the morning. Bring me another cup of chocolate—and I say, orderly, those boots are damned badly blacked. Take 'em back and—ask those blasted Bawls to delay hostilities until I have had my breakfast. And get me some more kidneys and toast. By jove, this awful hardship, don't you know!"

TRADE INCREASE.

Imports.	1898.	1899.
Dutiable,	\$37,367,065	\$44,000,593
Free,	27,084,000	30,350,342
Coin and bullion,	3,801,932	4,885,491
Total,	\$68,252,997	\$79,236,426
Increase,		\$10,983,429
Duty collected,	\$10,594,190	\$12,231,270
Increase,		\$1,637,080
Exports.—		
Canadian produce,	\$67,451,612	\$77,968,314
Foreign,	12,065,805	10,098,619
Coin and bullion,	1,978,736	1,054,944
Total,	\$81,496,153	\$89,116,898
Increase,		\$7,620,745

The returns for the month of November were:

Imports.	1898.	1899.
Dutiable,	\$6,892,234	\$8,775,719
Free,	6,265,056	7,490,837
Coin and bullion,	198,335	431,591
Total,	\$13,355,625	\$16,698,147
Duty collected,	\$1,858,268	\$2,456,042
Increase,		\$855,774

Exports.	1898.	1899.
Canadian,	\$14,627,181	\$17,287,123
Foreign,	3,261,976	1,859,383
Coin and bullion,	152,049	304,916
Total,	\$18,041,206	\$19,451,422
Increase,		\$1,410,216

For the Dominion of Canada the bank clearances were as follows: Montreal \$16,518,094, increase 12.1 per cent.; Toronto \$11,090,895, increase 20.8 per cent.; Winnipeg \$1,311,381, increase 29.4 per cent.; Halifax \$1,487,076, increase 16.4 per cent.; Hamilton \$899,914, increase 28.4 per cent.; St. John \$709, increase 26.8 per cent.; Vancouver \$854,294, increase 42.0 per cent.; Victoria \$485,316, increase 2.9 per cent.

WAR NOTES.

Cape Colony Recruits.

The recruiting of the British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding. Thirty thousand are already under arms, and several thousand more will be added.

MARRIAGES.

Berg—Gauf. At the residence of the bride's father, Valentine Gauf, by the Rev. A. Forbes, on Monday evening, Jan. 1st, 1900, Adam Berg to Miss Barbara Gauf, both of Josephsburg settlement.

Season of 1899-1900.

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Lost on Aug. 22nd, a black horse, branded E on left hip, white star in forehead, one white hind foot. 11-19. EVAN CYRUS, Leduc, Alberta.

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For Josephburg School, must hold first or second class certificate. One that can speak German preferred. Duties to commence at once. Address: GUS. DOZE, Secy. Trans., Leduc, Alta. P. O.

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WAR NOTES.

Magersfontein.

London, Dec. 28.—The war office has received the following: "At 9:30 yesterday evening the Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magersfontein. The cavalry brigade is reconnoitering in a northeasterly direction."

Kimberley.

Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22.—Via Modder river, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Before dawn to-day a detachment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Komperdam opened fire at Otterkopje, the Kimberley fort replying with 20 shells. The British force reconnoitered the outposts along Lasertat ridge, the Boer patrols retreating. Having accomplished this, and having discovered reinforcements approaching from Wimbeldon ridge, Col. Chamberlain, with the Royal artillery, exchanged a dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring, with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed that the Boers are still keeping three guns in the vicinity of Kimberley, and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly. It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing forces.

Pretoria Reports.

Pretoria, Dec. 28.—Commandant Snyman reports as follows from Moloop: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, maxims and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported as 55." The other commanders report "all quiet," with the exception of the usual bombardment of Ladysmith. Gen. Lucas Meyer has recovered and returned to the front.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26, via Lorenzo-Marquis, Thursday Dec. 28.—Commandant Swart reports from the laager at Alwyn's Kop near Zornst that he had an engagement on Friday, Dec. 28th, with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Derderpoort. The Kaffirs occupied a strongly fortified ridge and were well prepared for emergencies. After heavy fighting the burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and five wounded.

Pretoria, Dec. 25.—Commandant Cronje reports from Modder river, December 24, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman on December 17. It is rumored that Lord Methuen's big naval gun exploded.

Colenso.

"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of immense strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them being bomb-proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positions are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, and the forts proper bristled with machine guns that command the approaches. Probably mines are laid."

"One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the Colenso fight say the Boer shelling was very effective. This was due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint. The enemy's discipline is improving. The trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a keen dislike, and the way in which they retained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of improved soldiering."

British Plans.

Experts are coming to the conclusion that the British have given up the idea of carrying the positions along the Tugela and Modder rivers by assault and will await the transport and cavalry required to give their forces the necessary mobility, when they hope to be in a position to besiege the Boers in their respective plevnas, while Gen. Roberts carries out the original plan of campaign, that of advancing due north on Bloemfontein, the other generals detaching sufficient mobile troops to reach their goals by circuitous routes.

The Boer Idea of a Settlement.

Durban, Natal, Saturday, Dec. 23.—Mr. Winston Churchill, on arriving here after his escape from the Boers, received a tremendous ovation. He says that from conversations with members of the Transvaal executive at Pretoria, he learned that the Boers began the war with trepidation, but that President Kruger is now confident Great Britain will soon sue for peace. In the highest Transvaal circles, Mr. Churchill asserts, there is serious talk of a compromise by which Great Britain would cede the territory now occupied by the armies of the two republics, pay an indemnity of £20,000,000 and acknowledge the complete independence of the Transvaal.

A Private Wire.

A correspondent of the London Standard at Lorenzo, Marquis, says: Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander, who is consul general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa company and has the ear of the Portuguese government, as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted

that Pott has a private wire to the frontier, and knows 24 hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officials and the German forwarding agents. If Delagoa Bay is closed the Boers will retaliate by raiding Portuguese territory.

New South Wales Lancers.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—The New South Wales Lancers, who refused to go to war in the Transvaal, and returned to the colony by the steamer Nineveh, have been notified that if they cannot give a satisfactory explanation for so doing, their dismissal from the regiment will follow. Hon. Mr. Seddon, New Zealand's premier, complains that large quantities of frozen meat and produce are awaiting shipment to South Africa, but no steamers are obtainable.

Enslin.

"Lieut. Masters has made an extended reconnaissance westward and northward of Enslin and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from want of food."

Mafeking.

Generals Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. Baden-Powell reports all well, Dec. 12.

Ladysmith.

The latest independent news from Ladysmith says: "The field fortifications would now withstand any organized attack the enemy is likely to deliver. There is sufficient food stuffs for two months. The question of forage might be troublesome, but since the rains there has been some grazing within the British lines. There is no horse sickness. The casualties caused by our shell fire are increasing and the Boers are reported to be becoming nervous. They fear night sorties and constantly open a heavy fusillade on an imaginary attack."

The Times on the Censorship.

During the continued lull in the military operations in South Africa, the papers are filled with letters and articles criticising the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like. The Times complains of needless censorship and concealment. It cites the fact that nothing has yet transpired to show how General Gatacre came to lose 600 men at Stormberg.

Lives Insured.

The Toronto city council has insured the lives of the residents of Toronto forming part of the second contingent at \$1,000 each.

Boers Discouraged.

Winston Churchill, the British war correspondent who was captured by the Boers in the armored train disaster at Estcourt and afterwards escaped from Pretoria, cabling to the New York World, says that although the Boers are confident, they want to return to their farms and complain bitterly of the hardships in the field. Although the total Boer loss probably does not exceed 2,000, batches of deserters from the commandos are daily brought back to the front by the police. The last reserves have been called out and the only burghers remaining on the farms are those who are unfit, or have bribed the officials. The food supplies are not large and latterly the crops have suffered terribly from locusts. The tight British grip on Delagoa Bay must be felt also. Reviewing the general situation, it is foolish not to recognize that the British are fighting a formidable and terrible adversary of high qualities. The burghers increase their efficiency and their government, although vilely corrupt, votes its whole energy to military operations. Time, however, is on the British side, and must eventually weaken the republic.

Lady Sarah Wilson.

A war office despatch from Col. Baden-Powell, dated Dec. 12, announces the safe arrival of Lady Sarah Wilson, and reports the health and spirit of the garrison as very satisfactory.

Cape Dutch in Arms.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News says: "A leading resident of Vryburg, who was released by the Boers, saw 2,000 colonials from Griqualand West. He says colonial faces are to be seen everywhere in the Boer ranks."

Mafeking Relief Force.

According to a despatch from Mochudi, Bechuanaland, Dec. 16, the Rhodesian-Mafeking relief force was progressing slowly, owing to the necessity of repairing the bridges, which averaged one per mile. An intercepted Boer mill bug, it was added, showed that 20 Boers had been killed and many wounded during the British attack on the Sequani laagers.

Change in the Contingent.

Dr. Dorden, minister of militia, stated that the change which had taken place in the second contingent was that four squadrons would be sent instead of three, as at first arranged for, and that two of these would be made up of mounted policemen and others in Manitoba and the Northwest under their own officers, and that the other two would be recruited in the eastern provinces from the cavalry and others, and under different officers.

The militia department has closed a contract for a gross of steel nipers to be used in cutting the barb wire entanglements with which the Boers protect their trenches. The department has also purchased a quantity of enteric fever lymph with which the men of the Canadian contingent are to be inoculated.

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